

## Responsibly Produced Peat in process to grant certificate

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Responsibly Produced Peat intends to grant the RPP-certificate to the company named in this document. This intended decision is based on the fact that the company meets the requirements of the RPP certification scheme version 3.0. The fulfilment of the criteria is checked by an independent qualified inspector, including inspection at location.

During a period of 6 weeks, from **the 10th of April until 23rd of May 2024**, Responsibly Produced Peat offers parties concerned the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed decision. Questions and comments can be sent to [info@responsiblyproducedpeat.org](mailto:info@responsiblyproducedpeat.org). Without further objections, after this comment period, the certificate will be granted to the company for the location in concern.

Company name	<b>Van Der Knaap Eesti OÜ</b> Põlva county, Röpina municipality, Leevaku village, Määrastu, 64428, Estonia
Extraction site	Name site: <b>Määrastu</b>
	GPS coordinate entrance peatbog: <b>Latitude : N 58°7'5.797"</b> <b>Longitude: E 27°17'42.931"</b>
	Total licensed area: <b>90,08 ha</b>
	License information: License number L.MK.PÖ-46023
<b>Site description</b>	
<u>Environment of the location:</u> There are no protected areas (including Natura 2000 sites) close by. The area is surrounded by peatlands (incl. drained peatland forests) and arable land. The closest local residents are located at least 300 m away from the site. The already rewetted peatfields (returned to the state, outside of the mining and service plot) are relatively important migratory resting places for the common crane ( <i>Grus grus</i> ). The peat production on Määrastu site has not negatively impacted animals living near the site. Rewetting of the Määrastu peat production site after the peat excavation willh create suitable conditions for flora and fauna If the drainage ditches would be deepened in the north-easter part of the site, then the necessity of water level monitoring will be discussed.	
<u>Time in exploitation:</u> The site was mostly built out during 1970s.	
<u>Expected end of production based on peat reserves:</u> 30 years	

License valid till: 28.11.2049

**Remarks resulting from inspection:**  
The RPP certification is recommended

Link to [location on Google earth](#)

See image below for license boundaries (yellow: serviceplot, red: mining plot).

